FISCAL NOTE

HB 71 – SB 771

February 9, 2007

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates new Class B felony offenses for knowingly trafficking a person for labor servitude and for knowingly trafficking a person for sexual servitude.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$210,900 / Incarceration*

Assumptions:

- The Department of Correction (DOC) estimates that four additional persons will be convicted of these new Class B felonies that would not have been convicted under current law for kidnapping.
- Two persons each year will be convicted for the Class B felony offense of trafficking a person for labor servitude and two persons each year will be convicted for the Class B felony offense of trafficking a person for sexual servitude. Each offender will serve 2.4 years (876.60 days). According to DOC, the average operating cost per inmate per day for calendar year 2007 is \$60.16. The cost per inmate at 2.4 years is \$52,736.26 (\$60.16 x 876.60 days). The total additional cost for four offenders per year is \$210,945.04 (\$52,736.26 x 4).
- No significant incarceration cost increase will occur due to population growth in this period.

*Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 9-4-210, requires that: For any law enacted after July 1, 1986, which results in a net increase in periods of imprisonment in state facilities, there shall be appropriated from recurring revenues the estimated operating cost of such law. The amount appropriated from recurring revenues shall be based upon the highest cost of the next 10 years.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director